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Preface

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We warmly welcome you to Halifax, Nova Scotia and to the 4th International Conference on Ambient Systems, Networks and Technologies (ANT). With the help and support of the technical committees we have put together an exciting technical program for this years' SEIT conference. We hope you enjoy the program and have fruitful interactions and discussions with all researchers and practitioners gathering here from around the world.

Ambient systems, networks and technologies are of critical importance to the modern day life including businesses, government, education, science and economy. ANT 2013 provides a forum for researchers and practitioners from multi-disciplines in order to address recent research issues and to present and discuss the ideas, theories, technologies, systems, tools, applications, work in progress and experiences on all theoretical and practical issues related to the ambient systems paradigm, infrastructures, models, and technologies.

The call for papers for ANT 2013 attracted 198 papers from the authors representing many countries and continents. The papers were submitted to different tracks wherein each track has a separate technical program committee. The expert reviewers for each track reviewed each paper and obtained two to five reviews per paper. Based on these reviews, we accepted 73 papers for all tracks, an acceptance rate of 37%.

We want to express our sincere thanks to the conference general chairs Prof. Nick Cercone and Prof. Albert Zomaya for their valuable support and guidance. We are also indebted to the advisory committee members for their help and support. We also wish to convey our sincere thanks to our keynote speakers.

We also thank the ANT 2013 local organizing committee from Acadia University, McMaster University and University of Ontario for their work in the local arrangements.

We are very grateful to the workshops chairs, program vice chairs and members of the program committee. They showed great support and provided us with extensive reviews and constructive criticism of the research papers. Many thanks also go to all the authors who have submitted their research work to

the conference. Without their contributions we would have not been able to put together such a strong and interesting technical program.

We look forward to hearing productive and interesting discussions during the ANT 2013 conference. We wish you a pleasant stay and an enjoyable time in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada!

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